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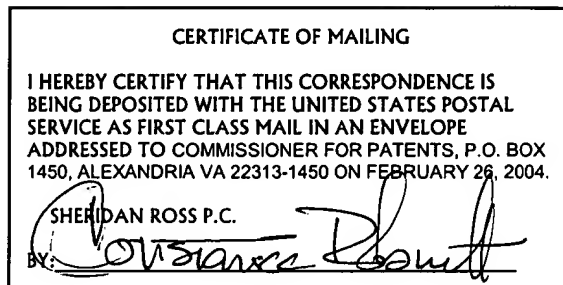
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/646,599  
Applicant : GODDARD et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Response is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed 26 November 2003. This response is filed within the three month shortened statutory period. Applicants therefore believe this response is timely filed and no fees are due. In the event any fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: